



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary March 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Nelson and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from February 9, 2015 was approved as corrected regarding a vote to support solar farms in the parks. (motion by Rosenbaum; seconded by Linck)

Update from the County Council – Brian Jones from Councilmember Katz’s office updated the board on Council activities.

Update from the Upcounty Regional Director – The Regional Director introduced Tom Ferleman from the Community Action Agency Board. Mr. Ferleman provided a summary on his board and related agency. He will be invited back at a later time for a more in-depth discussion about our county’s anti-poverty efforts. Regional Director Catherine Matthews updated the board on county activities.

Discussion: “Update from the Human Trafficking task Force”– Joy Nurmi, Special Assistant to County Executive Leggett, Kenneth Penrod from the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Task Force, and Dr. C. Vernon Gray, Chair, Howard County Human Trafficking Task Force gave an update efforts to address human trafficking in the respective jurisdictions. Mr. Penrod spoke about Bill #9-15 that is proposed to provide Police with another tool to enforce existing State laws prohibiting human Trafficking. A unanimous vote was taken to support the proposed legislation (motion by D. New; seconded by B Daly).

Discussion: “Bill 52-14 Pesticides – Notice Requirements – Non Essential Pesticides – Prohibitions” Chris Gillis, Legislative Analyst for Councilmember George Leventhal’s Office, spoke on recent testimony regarding the bill. It is expected that he Council will resume work on this proposed legislation in June after completing the budget process. UCAB Chair, Robert Nelson stated that this topic will be sent to UCAB’s Quality of Life Committee, and Land Use Committee for further discussion.

Chair’s Report – Board Chair Robert Nelson announced that interviews of board applicants would be scheduled soon and volunteers were needed for the interview committee. David Rosenbaum, Beth Daly, and Robert Nelson all volunteered to serve on the committee. (It was later determined that Mr. Rosenbaum would not serve since he was being considered for reappointment.)

Committee / Liaison Reports –

Land Use Committee Chair Mark Firley reported on the March 16th committee meeting, “Development & Demographics.”

Quality of Life Committee Chair James Wallace reported on the March 23rd committee meeting, “Pedestrian Safety & Panhandling.”

Joel Yesley reported on the first meeting of the Rapid Transit System Community Advisory Committee.

Community Concerns/Comments – Rosemary Arkoian expressed her concern about the County’s Department of Transportation not making public in a timely manner the recent [March 2015 Draft Preferred Alternative/Conceptual Mitigation Report \(PA/CM\)](#) that is related to the Midcounty Corridor Study. A motion was made by Kevin Linck, and seconded by Beth Daly to ask the County Executive to see that the report is released to the public as soon as possible; the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned (motion by K. Linck; seconded by A Edmunds).

Board Attendance: Dennis Barnes, Beth Daly, Brian Donohue, Arthur Edmunds, Kevin Linck, Robert Nelson, Daisha New, Tobi Printz-Platnick, David Rosenbaum, James Wallace, Joel Yesley.

Additional Guests: Brian Jones, Rosemary Arkoian, and Eric Canton

Staff: Catherine Matthews and Miquitta Scott

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